

REMARKS

This paper is filed subsequent to the Decision Based on Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review mailed on October 18, 2006, and is supplemental to the Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on July 31, 2006 in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 2, 2006.

Claims 2, 13, 19-26 and 30 are canceled. Claims 1, 3, 10, 14 and 27 are amended. Claims 31-33 were previously canceled. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-18 and 27-29 are pending upon entry of this amendment in connection with this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 6-12, 15-18, and 30 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by DiGiacomo et al. (U.S. 6,085,831). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and requests the Office to consider the following.

The claims have been amended to obviate the grounds for rejection. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiGiacomo et al. and further in view of Studebaker (U.S. 6,448,637 B1). The claims have been amended to obviate the grounds for rejection. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 27-29 were also rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiGiacomo et al. in view of Homer et al. (U.S. 2002/0154483 A1). The claims have been amended to obviate the grounds for rejection. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 5, 13 and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (801) 278-9171 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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